

What will we study? We will study grammar, writing, and oral presentations.



What will we read?

Various poems and short stories from the *Elements of Literature* Series
You will also doing book reports from various genres of literature.

What will I be able to do by the end of this year? By the end of this year, you should be able to:

- display improved communication skills through oral and written activities
- use developed grammar skills
- reflect on your own work and set goals to improve

What do I need to bring to class? Bring your class textbooks, a two-ring notebook with A4 paper and dividers, agenda book, and pencil to every class. Other supplies may be needed for special activities, but you will receive notice ahead of time.

How is my grade calculated? Each homework assignment, quiz, etc. is given a point value. If you want to know your grade at any given time, divide the number of points you've earned by the total points possible.

For example: You earned 45 points and there were 55 points available up to that day:

$$\frac{45}{55} = \text{your percentage would be } .818\% (82\%, B-)$$

You can always find the total number of points possible from the master assignment sheet posted in the classroom.

May I turn in late homework? You may turn in late homework without penalty if you have an excused absence from school. If you have an unexcused absence or you are not ready to turn in your homework, you may submit it during that trimester; Mrs. Fradale will provide the final day for late submissions. Late work will be penalized 20% so it is a good idea to turn in all work on time.

What rules do I need to follow? FIS rules are to be followed everywhere on campus including your classroom.

What happens when I follow all the rules and try my best?

Positive comments via phone or letter

Games and fun activities in class

Increased say in when assignments are due and tests given

Multiple skills that will enable you to succeed in high school and beyond

What types of assignments will I have?

Writing- We will write several times a week: literature responses, personal creations, journal entries, etc.

Book Reports- We will do individual book reports every five to six weeks.

Tests/Quizzes- Usually every week we will have a quiz on grammar, writing, etc.

Grammar-We will do regular drills to strengthen our knowledge of punctuation, parts of speech, word usage, and mechanics.

Oral Presentation-We will develop our public speaking skills with various activities.